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- (a) Each initial license and letter of compliance expires on the second anniversary of its effective date.
- (b) Prior to expiration of an initial license or letter of compliance, and on application by the licensee or letter of compliance holder that meets the requirements set by the Department, a continuing license or letter of compliance may be issued that remains in effect until surrendered, suspended, revoked, or replaced by a conditional license or letter of compliance.
- (c) The Department shall inspect each child care center operating under a license or a letter of compliance:
- (1) On an announced basis prior to issuing the initial or continuing license or letter of compliance to determine whether applicable requirements are being met; and
- (2) On an unannounced basis at least once during each 12-month period that the license or letter of compliance is in effect to determine whether safe and appropriate child care is being provided.

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